

~~SECRET~~  
SECURITY INFORMATION

14 September 1953

Comment from the American Embassy, Paris, on SE-47,  
"Probable Effect of Recent Developments in Eastern  
Germany on Soviet Policy with Respect to Germany"

Intervening developments have, of course, proven the accuracy of various of the opinions expressed in this report. Particularly the Soviet note of August 15, 1953 seems to bear out the view expressed in paragraphs 8 (b) and 10 of the Special Estimate that the USSR has no intention of agreeing to any solution of the German problem which would involve the relinquishment of Soviet control over East Germany. In fact, the August 15 note makes it appear at least highly questionable whether the Kremlin even intends to enter into negotiations for German reunification at this time, although this can only be a matter of speculation until the Soviet reply to the Western Powers' notes of September 2 is received.

 the Service Attaches concur in the above comments.

Douglas Dillon

25X1 ☐

State Dept. declassification & release instructions on file

~~SECRET~~